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Mr. Eric Newman
General Remedial Section, 3HW23
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
841 Chestnut Street
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Re: Laboratory Treatability Study Report
Halby Chemical Superfund Site
Wilmington, Delaware
Administrative Order for Removal Response Action
Docket No. III-95-55-DC

Dear Mr. Newman:

By the attached report, Witco Corporation is submitting the Laboratory Treatability Study Report pursuant to Section 8.7 of the above referenced Order. This report provides complete documentation of the activities undertaken to complete this study. We are anticipating the receipt of some additional laboratory data which are referenced herein but not yet provided. That information will be provided to you under separate cover.

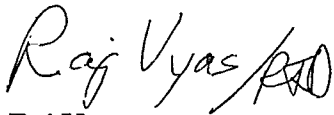
Based on our discussions of 28 June, we believe that EPA and Witco have committed to work as cooperatively and quickly as possible to move the treatment program along, and that EPA has gained significantly more confidence in the efforts to date. We believe that this report and the previous Summary Progress Report of 17 June (which presented much of the substantive results presented herein) will answer many of the questions you have had. We trust that the report will further aid EPA in understanding the intent and nature of the treatability work performed on the soils from the site, and we look forward to your comments on this report as soon as possible.

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Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-552-2476 or Richard Dulcey of ERM at 610-524-3610.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure - Treatability Study Report

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